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Applicants:	Z. Song et al.		Examiner:
Serial No.:	10/054,413	Case No.: 20818	Monique T. Cole
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For:	PROCESS FOR MAKING SPIRO ISOBENZOFURANONE COMPOUNDS		

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 3, 2004, having an unextended response date set to expire for October 3, 2004. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be changed to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

The corrected, compliant amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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